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## BOOK REVIEWS

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THE HOUSE FLY, *Musca Domestica* Linn.: ITS STRUCTURE, HABITS, DEVELOPMENT, RELATION TO DISEASE, AND CONTROL. By C. Gordan Hewitt, D.Sc., F.R.S.C., Dominion Entomologist of Canada; formerly Lecturer in Economic Zoology in the University of Manchester. Cambridge, at the University Press, New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price, 15 shillings.

That our old enemy has not been slighted or neglected in any way we may well believe, when we realize that the present volume represents nine years of study and investigation on the part of the author. Moreover this is his second book on the subject. Furthermore, we find that in the course of his studies he consulted the works of between four and five hundred writers who have contributed to the literature concerning the house fly, his more or less distantly related family, and the part they play in the world's mischief. It would seem that at last the time has come when no one can plead ignorance in extenuation of the tolerance of the fly. We are told of the breeding habits of the fly, its life history, its relation to disease. We are also told of preventive and remedial measures to be taken and exhorted to make organized effort to do away with a dangerous and needless pest. May Heaven speed the day when the application of the knowledge so carefully and painstakingly acquired, is universal.

MOTHER CRAFT. By Sarah Comstock. Hearst's International Library Co., 119 West 40th St., New York. Price \$1.

This book is made up from a series of papers contributed by Mrs. Comstock to the *Good Housekeeping Magazine* and later arranged in its present form. Its aim "is to put into non-technical English some of the newest teachings expressed by some of the safest and sanest specialists of today." "The material has been sifted from teachings and preachings of physicians, teachers, nurses, and other specialists who, in different cities of our country, rank among the highest authorities." The author states that having had her attention called to the teaching and preparation afforded expectant mothers of the poorer classes, she proposes to extend that same teaching to all expectant and actual mothers,